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***"AN ACT CONCERNING THE MANAGEMENT OF STATE
SHELLFISH GROUNDS."***

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of
4 Agriculture, in consultation with the Milk Regulation Board, shall, not
5 later than January 1, 2005, adopt regulations, in accordance with the
6 provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, regarding a system of
7 milk prices, premiums and fees. Such regulations may include (1)
8 minimum prices for Class I milk, Class II milk and Class III milk, as
9 defined by the United States Department of Agriculture (7 CFR 1000),
10 and (2) a premium to be paid by dealers or retailers to producers for
11 milk. Such regulations shall establish fees which shall be used for
12 expenses necessary for the administration of this section and shall take
13 into account the price paid by milk dealers for the various classes or
14 grades of milk defined by the Federal Milk Order applicable to
15 Connecticut, the cost of producing milk in this state, the impact on

16 milk processors licensed in this state that compete with milk
17 processors licensed in other states and the public interest.

18 Sec. 502. Section 22-131 of the general statutes is repealed and the
19 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

20 (a) In accordance with section 4-9a, as amended, the Governor, with
21 the advice and consent of either house of the General Assembly, shall
22 appoint [six] eight electors of the state, [two] four of whom are actively
23 engaged in the sale, [and] distribution or processing of milk, two of
24 whom have no active or financial interest in the production or sale of
25 milk, and two of whom are actively engaged in the production of milk,
26 which [six] electors, with the Commissioner of Public Health, or his
27 designee, and the Commissioner of Agriculture, shall constitute the
28 Milk Regulation Board. The Governor, for cause, after a public hearing,
29 may remove any appointed member of the board.

30 (b) The Milk Regulation Board shall keep a record of all its
31 proceedings. The Commissioner of Agriculture shall be the
32 chairperson of the board, shall enforce the regulations established by
33 the board and shall further administer any other duties prescribed by
34 the board. The office of the Commissioner of Agriculture shall be the
35 office of the board. Each of the [six] members of the Milk Regulation
36 Board appointed under the provisions of this section shall receive
37 seventy-five dollars for each day the member attends a meeting of the
38 board. The total payments to each member shall not exceed seven
39 hundred fifty dollars each year, such payments to be made from the
40 appropriations made for the Commissioner of Agriculture."